## PROHIBITION BILL

"Fatal Error" Found In Clause No More Can the Indigent Militia-Providing For "Vote of Approval"

MEASURE IS BELIEVED TO

Proposed Law - Public Hearing Is Held

The prohibition bill now before the to be killed in the house. It will be reported out by the judiciary committee hled, on the ground that it would be unconstitutional and that the legisla-ture has not the right to pass such an

That is the way the wind blows now, according to statements made yesterday by influential members of the lower house, including Speaker Holstein, and others not connected with the legisature. Holstein pointed out in an interview

yesterday that under the provisions of the Organic Act the Territory has the power to regulate or restrict the sale of liquor, but the act does not give it the power to prevent the importation of

. But the fatal error in the bill how before the legislature, he indicated is that clause, or rider, for which Senator Pachase, or rider, for which character is responsible, providing that after the bill is passed by the legislature, it shall go to the people for approval or rejection at a special election

to be held July 14, next.

'Clause Unconstitutional''

'The Governor is the only one,'' said Holstein, "who has the right to ap-prove of a bill passed by the legisla-ture and make it law. And the legis-lature certainly has no legal right to delegate to the people the powers con-ferred on the Governor by the Organic Act. In this Territory we have no ref-erendum law, therefore the referendum clause of the proposed prohibition law readers it unconstitutional."

The judiciary committee of the house, to which the bill was referred when it to which the bill was referred when it came down from the senate, has not taken it up for consideration, it was stated yesterday, but it is generally understood by these on the inside that sertain members of the committee bave given the matter considerable thought and have arrived at conclusions similar to those confired by Scenter Helstein. to those outlined by Speaker Holstein.
And the prediction is freely made by
those same alleged insiders that the
committee will recommend that the bill
be tabled on the grounds above out-

Notwithstanding this, a public hear-ing on the bill was held by the judici-ary committee last night, there being a considerable number of persons present a large proportion of them Hawaiians. It can hardly be said that the commitfor the arguments advanced, both by for the arguments advanced, both by the proponents and the opponents of the bill, were the stock arguments that have been preached and written since the proposed law first made its appearance

in the senate,
Japanese Opposes Bill
One feature of the meeting last night that was inusual, however, was an ad-dress ande by a Japanese, who was op-posed to the bill. The speaker was Okasaki, of the Hawaii Hochi, who told the committee that he wanted to say a few words to acquaint it with the senti-ments of the Japanese on the proposed legislation. Okasaki said that so have e proportion of the population of Haought not to be disregarded, and he said that the enactment of a prohibition measure would seriously affect the plan

Ninety per cent of the Japanese, the speaker said, use sake. They do not use it to become intoxicated, but rather as a tonic. "Liquor in itself," said Okasaki, "is not harmful but rather goes to bring health into the body."
The speaker stated that intoxicating liquors have been used in Japan for 2030 years and it would be hard to break the Japanese of the habit abrupt-The passage of the bill would do more harm than good. Power in Labor Here

"You must remember," he said"
"that the Japanese are a power in lahor here, and if this law affects the Japanese, it will affect Hawafi."

A may named Papke made a remb-ling speech from which it was diffi-cult to understand just where he stood. He was opposed to liquor but thought no man had a right to tell his neighbor what to do. Therefore he was in favor of submitting the matter to a vote of

the people, Johnny Martin thought that if the house and senate would visit the police and juvenile courts for a week, they would be sure to pass the bill. "Vote for prohibition," he said, "and it war comes, we'll make a better showing. Preachers Payor Bill

Reverend Maibibibi said he was heartily in favor of the bill but he favored leaving the whole matter to the federal government, Rev. S. K. Kamelopill, was also in favor of the prohibited, too.

Measure and hoped the committee Senator Desha took advantage of

would report favorably on it.

J. H. Kalco said he was very kana-lua over the matter, particularly about allowing the Governor to appoint selling commissioners. He doubted if the vor of the bill if carried to the Supreme Court, other speakers. would hold water, for the reason that, it contains two subject matters. if contains two subject matters. He the matters, which appears to be, in said he believed in a strict prohibition light of recent statements, the matlaw that would not even allow the use ter of the constitutionality of the pro-

men Eat At Expense of Territory

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL OF SENATE FILES OBJECTION

Speaker Holstein Picks Flaws In Shingle Urges Upper House To Rescind Law Creating Immigration Department

No more "indigent, suffering and legislature, known as Senate Bill 33, is helpless' national guardsmen will be Edison has been working day and night be built is the unanimous opinion of to be killed in the house. It will be tee fed from the funds of the department for the country, and in that time has the board. Probably as many as 2,000 of immigration labor and statistics, if the recommendations of the senate committee on ways and means, B. W. of the United States.

The board. Probably as many as 2,000 A statement to the above effect was the board. In this connection will be recommended. In this connection was peaker of the lower house, who is adopted:

The naval consulting board, at its linearition of 'deleting' the Governor's with the recommendation that it be ta- the recommendations of the senate

amending the general statute under which the department of immigration

was created, be rescinded. The general statute says that the de-partment shall "be in charge of a

partment shall "be in charge of a board of immigration."

Act 106, amending the general statute, says the board "may, from time to time, set aside and expend such sums of money from its appropriation as it may deem best for the temporary relief of indigent, suffering and helpless persons, which sum shall be administered by the commissioner of immigration lapper and statistics, under the adtion, lapor and statistics, under the ad-fice and approval of the Governor." STAR RAT SKINNER

It developed yesterday, at a hearing of the ways and means committee to which Ralph A. Kenras, commissioner of immigration, and E. H. Wodehouse, president of the board of immigration, had been summoned; that \$830.37 had been expended "under the advice and approval of the Governor" by the commissioner, without the approval of the very board which the genof the department.

These payments, made in January, February and March 1915-1916, were deferred by the auditor until he had be informed by the attorney general that they could legally be made. Even then the board of immigration, in tok-n of its dissent, withheld its approval,

or aliens. And, under the ruling of the attorney general, what the Governor advised and approved must be done, whether the trustees placed in charge of the funds approved or not.

It was pointed out that the cure for the situation was to insist that, whenever the legislature in the future wished the Governor and the commissioner of immigration to spend govern ment funds for general charity, the money to be spent be provided in the

Act specifying the legislature's intent. Commissioner Kenrus told the ways and means committee yesterday that he believed he could have found work on the plantations for every one of the Filipino, Portuguese and Hawaiian guardsmen fed out of his moneys. In fact, at that time he believed he could have found work for mx or seven hunered inborers.

### JAPANESE WILL SEND AID TO THEIR ENTENTE ALLIES

(By The Associated Press)
TOKIO, March 25—The represents

ive Japanese organization headed by Prince Tokugawa, which will send a special commission to the Entente countries to express sympathy and friendship has issued a call for public sub-scriptions throughout the Japanese Empire. It says: "Even without countorphans, the widows, and other sufferers, number many millions. While Japan has joined the Allies, the people of Japan, living so far away, have not experienced the miseries of the war. but the heart of the Japanese public is suddened at the thought of the difficul-ties and miseries of the Entente forces at the front. We request contributions from the entire Japanese public, to be distributed by our commission during its visit to Europe."

physicians or scientists or anybody else handle any set goods for any purpose. He wanted a plebiscite.

A man named Allen, who boasted

that for years he was in the town drunk, said he used to get soused on patent medicines and drug store bitters and he thought they ought to be

in Hawaiian. Rey. David Cary Peters and Rev. John P. Erdman made speeches in fa-vor of the bill. There were several

But nobody touched on the root of of liquor by physicians or scientists, posed law and the right of the legis-Jesse Ulnihi made a characteristic lature to refer it to a vote of the peo-speech. He also was "agin" letting ple for approval or rejection.

## MEETING TO DISCUSS NATION'S NEED HOUSE IS PLAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL CALLS

"Thomas A. Edison has, since the break with Germany, been working eighteen hours of each day for the may department of the naval consulting board, of which he is the president," says the New York Times of March 11. "This announcement was made venterday afternoon by William

committee on ways and means, B. W.

Shingle chairman, are adopted by the tegislature.

In order to end an anomalous situation, which brought into conflict the Governor, the commissioner of immigration, the board of immigration, the board of immigration, the additor and the attorney general, with tieneral Johnson hovering in the back-ignound, the committee will recommend that Act 106 of the 1915 session laws, amending the general statute under which is energy of the general statute under which is in charge of the laboratory, and associated with him committee will recommend to special board which is in charge of the which the department of immigration is now ready for use, located, it was stated; "somewhere along the protection of the coasts and harbors of the United States and vessels traveling the general statute under which is in charge of the which the department of immigration and in this capacity will as the navy. A great laboratory for special experiment had designated the board as the official body which will pass urion all is ventions, held in New York on March and in New York on March and in New York on March and in New York on March 10, 1917, is unanimously of the opin.

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(Associated Press By Federal Wireless) mittee on metallurgy, of which Profes-WASHINGTON, March 20 — 1hc sor Richards is the head, was also

Council of National Defense today called a meeting for April 2 to act as a civilian advisory committee for congress. It will be ready to meet such indistrial preparedness demands as irreports were made dealing with the improvement of torpedoes and the development of internal combustion metrics, while a report submitted by Hudson or congress may make.

Recruiting of the marine corps to war strength of 17,400 was authorized by President Wilson today. The present strength is 14,900.

The subject of submarine warfare was discussed at the meeting from all angles, and it was stated that important improvement of torpedoes and the development of internal combustion metors, while a report submitted by Hudson Maxim had to do with the improvement in methods of construction of guins of large calibers, and certain important experiments relating to Mr. Maxim's suggestion were authorized.

The most important matter discussed.

made yeaterday afternoon by William a submarine chaser was submitted to L. Saunders, chairman of the board, at the board, and this boat, the details of most seaworthy motor vessels, that can be built is the unanimous opinion of by the legislatuce.

A statement to the above effect was

laboratory, and associated with him are Doctor Whitney, head of the electrical experimental department of the General Electric Company; Mr. Earn me of the Westinghouse Company; Elmor E. Sperry, and Professor Huut. Another committee which is to take measures for the conservation of all optical glass in the United States was also named, at the head of which is navy department so busy as it is at Doctor Backeland, while a new company.

The champion rat skinner of the president of the board of health, has said it.

means committee, it was proposed to raise the pay of William Black, the rat skinner in question, from \$80 a month to \$100.

000 rats and recommended that, if there was no objection, his pay be aised as requested.

raised as requested.

There was no objection. "I wish," sighed Senator Hind, "I had him on my plantation."

## SENATOR QUINN MUTE ON SMITH'S CHARGES

Senator E. W. Quinn said yesterday that he will make no reply through the newspapers to the charges brought by E. Q. Smith, formerly superintendent of construction at the territorial penitentiary, in connection with Sena-

the penitentiary. 'Smith's motives, his conduct while on the job and the reasons why he is not on the job now, all will come out net or the public expenditures committee of the senate," mid Quinn.

No meeting of the committee has been held as yet, but the clerk of the committee is busy searching the books of the department of public works and the files of the auditor.

the files of the auditor.

Ripley & Davis, architects, who drew the plans for the penitentiary and whose work was severely criticised by Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, for inaccuracy, have tak-They say their answer to the charges brought against them will be made to the senute committee, not to the press.

## **BILL WOULD HAVE ALL ELEVATORS INSPECTED**

At the worst, one can't fall more than five stories in any Honolulu elevator, and yet it is somewhat discon certing to be informed that, ever since elevators were first installed here, there the opportunity to make a long speech never has been any law compelling in Hawaiian. It was not translated. owners to have them inspected or govowners to have them inspected or governing installation, maintenance, and conditions of operation.

Senator Quinn introduced a long bill

yesterday, modelled after the Califorpanies, insurance companies and owners of buildings have worked out an inspection system of their own, by cooperative agreement but that it is binding on nobody.

The district court calendar, except after a holiday. A month ago Judge Ashford ealled upon the grand jury to investigate alleged delays and alleged uncalled for continuances in the district court.

## HOLD-UP OF WOMEN

The good folks of Central Union were disturbed at their worship on world lives in Hilo. Doctor Pratt, Sunday evening about eight o'clock, by the scream of a weman, who had been attacked by a holdup man almost immediately in front of the brightly illuminated church. When some of the men of the congregation streamed out to the rescue, they were in time to chase a bareheaded man down Alakea At a hearing on the board's budget immediately in front of the brightly held last night by the senate ways and illuminated church. When some of the

sereamed for help. Stooping to gather up the booty, the robber's hat tell off and he did not stop to reclaim it. The mun is described as small and as wenring duck trousers. In her excitement over the attack, Miss Byrne failed to notice whether the man was white, vellow, brown or black. The bag con tnined sixty-five cents in money, watch and a bunch of keys.

The police were notied at once and the but was turned in as a clue for the sleuths to work on. They have not enught the robber.

### Cleveland Tourist Finds Honolulu Is Second Fairyland WANTS MATSON TO

"Hopolulu is a second fairyland. In tor Quinn's contract for plumbing at all my travels I have never come neross a city I am so taken with. The climate is wonderfully invigorating, and the scenery so charming that it makes one feel what real life is." So. declared E. J. Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown arrived here are guests at the Seaside Hotel.

Continuing in his praise of the beauty of the Islands, Mr. Brown said: "It is so different here to anywhere else I have been. I was agreenbly surprised with everything as soon as I landed, but now I have got a little accustomed to the place I feel as though

want never to leave. "The Country Club is, if possible, nore beautiful than the beach. The golfing conditions are splendid, and I have spent many pleasant days out

Speaking of the prospects of the Islands, Mr. Brown suid he would not be surprised to see Honolulu with a population of 200,000 or over in ten rears time.

"Directly people get to know the city better," he declared "I am confident they will swarm here."

### EXPLAINS DELAYS

A report of the territorial grand jury, rendered last week to Judge Ashford, is to the effect that no cause for complaint exists as to the contin nance of cases in the district court. that most of such continuances are easily explained and are properly grantnia statute, to do those very things. ed, and that there is no congestion of He said that heretofore elevator com: the district court calendar, except af-

partment To Ignore Tax On Automobiles

Proceedings which will amount virtually to impeachment will be begun against Governor Pinkham in the legis-lature if it is proved, as it is expected it will be, that he defiberately ining Societies building, in West Thirtyninth Street, New York, at which Mr.
Edison was elected president for life.
For four weeks, Mr. Saunders said, Mr.
most seaworthy motor vessels to have a structed one branch of the territorial

was stated, "somewhere along the of the United States and vessels travel-Holstein yesterday, "he ought to be Const." Mr. Addicks is the head of a special board which is in charge of the laboratory, and associated with him Chairman Saunders, who explained that else could issue such an order and have

fident that such a vote of lack of con-fidence will be passed before the end

of the session.

'The house has already directly voted lack of confidence in the Governer by instructing the finance committee to strike out from the approprintion bill the \$150,000 centingent fund item. And the legislature as a whole has indirectly voted lack of confidence in Governor Pinkham by refusing to let him spend a penny of By the \$40,000 appropriation for the con-gressional visit. Heretofore the spending of the fund has been left to the

roughers "under advice" from the diovernor. The board refused to believe that the legislature had intended to divert its finds to general eleemosynary or military purposes, not connected with immigration. However, the amending Act merely said "persons." They might be indigent guardsmen, citizens, or aliens. And, under the ruling of the Holstein demands. "If they were im-migrants, why were they fed at the ermory instead of at the immigration station? And if they were indigents,

why were they fed at the armory?

'I have heard it stated that they were fed because they had threatened to leave the national guard. If that is so, is it true that the national guard-is holstered up by a lot of indigent Filipinos who refuse to stay with it unless they are fed at public expense! "These are questions the answers to which I want to know, And I will know the answers, too, before I get through. It looks to me as if there were a nigger in the woodpile, and I intend to smoke him out."

# GO BACK ON SOUND-

by the Great Northern March 12, and angular service between San Franhave wirelessed to the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce asking it to use its influence in having this service reinstituted. It was originally dropped to break the San Francisco freight congestion. The wirelesses of the Seattle Commerce, and Commerce in commerce and Com "Scattle, Wash., March 24.

Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu: "Freighting conditions having im-proved to such an extent, we solicit your assistance towards influencing Matson Navigation Company in resum-ing at an early date their Puget Sound-Hawaiian Island steamship service; Hawaiian Island steamenip service, thereby establishing market competi-tion which will reduce considerably the cost of local food products and material consumed in the Hawaiian Islands.

"SEATTLE CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE AND COMMERCIAL "By A. J. Rhodes, president."

"Tacoma, Wash., March 24. Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu: "Puget Sound shippers endeavoring secure direct steamer service to Islands suggest your organization urgently remest Matson Navigation Company, San Francisco, restore their direct service.

"E. C. WHEELER,
President Treuma Commercial Club
and Chamber of Commerce."



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First of the Holland ships that, it has been aunounced, will call at Honoiulu, arrived yesterday when the Netherlands Boyal Mail Liner Vondel hove off port in the moraing. The ship was not unexpected, but had been on the local lists as a "Dutch tramp steamer from San Francisco for coal," and the discovery that she was a liner carrying two hundred and fifty passengers was a

distinct surprise.

The vessel is from Amsterdam, via Newport News, the Canal and San Francisco and is believed to be the first

and will operate other libers between Amsterdam and New York. Passengers for the East Indies will cross the continent by rail.

The Vondel is a vessel of B631 net tous and 5866 gross tons. She is splendidly fitted up inside although her long voyage has left her sides well weatherworn. The red, white and blue hars of the Netherlands are painted prominently on both bows and the words "Vondel, "Amsterdam?" are painted in letters two feet high on each wide. Her name is also painted on side. Her name is also painted on boards hanging amidahip and aft and illuminated at night.

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There is consequently no doubt, at first glance, that she is a neutral vessel, but the apparency of it has proved to be of little purpose in other cases as they are suak just as readily.

The vessel has sinety-six first cabin passengers, ninety-two class A and twenty-one class B second cubin and twenty-one class B second cubin and

six steerage passengers all for the East Indian ports. They include a number of officers of the Dutch army

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## **NEW YORK STOCKS**

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